Drug Testing Labs

†2489. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 61 drug testing laboratories and pharmacies established in the country under Government sector which are provided financial assistance by the Central Government;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard and the total number of the above institutions in the year 2005; and

(c) the average number of drugs tested annually during the last three years in each institution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The Central Government, under its Capacity Building Project for Food and Drugs is providing financial assistance to a total of 25 States and Central Drug Testing Laboratories. All these laboratories were functioning during the year 2005.

(c) As per the available information following number of samples have been tested in these laboratories during the last three years:—

Year	No. of samples tested
2002-2003	43138
2003-2004	40862
2004-2005	49287

Three Year Medical Courses

†2490. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which run three year medical courses;

(b) whether these are recognized by the Medical Council of India; and

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